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NO CHANGE IN EDUCATION BOARD

Governor Makes Vigorous Statement to State Board of Education in Columbia.

Columbia, June 17.—Gov. Blease, in positive language before the State board of education today, declared that there will be no change in the personnel of the board. The statement was made at the session of the board this morning, and this evening the press was furnished with a stenographic report of what Governor Blease had said to the board at its session today.

Gov. Blease, in addition to making the final assertion that the members of the State board of education would not be removed, outlined his position with regard to the adoption of school books. In this respect his statement was practically the same as that printed in the News and Courier a few days ago.

Governor Blease also reviewed the Waddy Thompson incident, referring to the adoption of history books. Among other interesting statements Governor Blease made reference to the reported presence of detectives in Columbia at this time who, he asserted, were here "to watch us," according to the information Governor Blease has in the matter.

To List Book Bids.

Following an all-morning session of the State board of education today, Superintendent of Education Swearingen was instructed by the board to list all the bids from the book companies that were opened today. The listing will be submitted at a meeting of the board to be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning. All the members of the board were here today, and the work was commenced at 10 o'clock in the morning, the board being in session until nearly 3 o'clock this afternoon, in the governor's office.

Governor Blease stated plainly his position with regard to the book contract to the board.

Governor Blease's Statement.

Governor Blease said: "Gentlemen: As you know, there has been much said in the papers about this book adoption and a whole lot talked outside and inside, and a whole lot of dirty talk, too, and I think somebody has lied. Some of these book men have lied on some of us, as well as on one another.

"I have been told to watch so and so, without giving any reason for such statement, but just simply stating that 'you had better watch' so and so.

"I was informed that they had two detectives out at the Colonia hotel, a man and a woman, and one of them came down here and told me that a man and a woman were out there to watch us, and I was also told that they were watching each other. So far as I am concerned, they are at perfect liberty to watch me and all that is done here in this office, and also at the executive mansion, and I presume you all are in the same fix.

All Southern.

"Now, as I said the other day in the papers, which I guess you gentlemen noticed, about the history. In 1888, before I was 21 years old, I ran for a public office, and went on the stump and made the statement and have stood by it ever since, that I was in favor of Southern books by Southern authors for Southern children, and to be taught by Southern teachers. I got on that platform by listening to my father talk; by reading books and papers about Confederate soldiers and the Confederate States, and from what he told me about it I knew that somebody was lying. Of course, I took my father's word, and would take it above every other person's in the world.

Platform Unchanged.

"Therefore, I stand on that same platform, and where we have Southern books by Southern authors we should adopt them; otherwise, I have no preference. I don't represent any house; have no special or particular friends among them; have no favors to ask; no books to look after, and no request to make of you gentlemen to vote for any book or for the book or books of any house, except what I have just mentioned. I have had possibly two book agents to talk with me, the others I merely met and invariably said to them to go to see Mr. Swearingen, State superintendent of

education, as that was his job, and this is the most important matter that the book question with them.

No Changes in Board.

"I want to say to you, gentlemen, that there will not be any change in the State board of education; for you are all hightoned, honorable men, and I don't believe either of you would be subjected to prejudice or improper influence in this matter, no matter what your political feeling is towards me, as that has nothing to do with the adoption, for, as I said the other day, the adoption of books is the most important matter that can possibly arise during my administration, and the impressions made upon the children of today are going to last and some of them, when they become mothers, are going to transmit the impressions made upon their minds to their children; therefore, I think this is the most important matter that could possibly come before us.

Col. Thompson's History.

"As to Col. Thompson's history: Col. Thompson came in here one day and we talked about his history. I said to Col. Thompson that I did not like the way he treated the burning of Columbia. He asked in what respect, and I said, 'Well, you give a certain statement about a matter, but you don't say who burned Columbia, and I think that should be taught to the children of the State.' He seemed to fire up just a little and said, 'Well, I have, too, the Northern people's testimony and presented it in their light.' I said that I would believe Bishop Ellison Capers and Gen. Wade Hampton in preference to all the Yankees north of the Mason and Dixon line.

"There was no feeling whatever between Col. Thompson and myself. I regard him very highly and there is certainly no prejudice in my mind against his book, but I still think that he should have been more positive in this matter, and I shall vote for a history that is positive along this line.

Courts Investigation.

"Gentlemen, every act of mine in public and private life has been open and above board, and I care nothing for the criticisms and lies of my enemies. They did not put me here and I care nothing for what they say or think, and never expect to take any of their advice. I ask them no favors and have none to show them. All I ask is that the truth be told, whether it be in regard to my private or public life. If they accuse me of something, if I did it, all I want is the full truth about the matter, and the people are at liberty and invited to investigate each and everything that I have done or will hereafter do on any subject, and when my friends are satisfied, I am delighted; when my enemies condemn my acts, I am pleased, for I know that I am right, and am pleased that I am displeasing them; for it's the hit dog that yells, and no man loves to hit an enemy better than I do.

Reiterates Non-Removal.

"Now, gentlemen, that is all I have to say. I hope that this work will be pleasant and agreeable, and all of this about removal dismissed from your minds; for, if you hear any further mention of it, you will know that it is the outcome of some malicious lie, framed up to cause a breach between the governor and the State board of education, hoping by such breach to injure you and me, and possibly benefit some man who wished to see the breach made."

There are many book agents here. The sessions now, however, are not for the book men, as their day has passed. The opening of the bids marked the end of the book men's inning, because now the board has taken up the question of book adoption for itself.

Heretofore, during the last few weeks, the book men have had audiences with the State superintendent and members of the board. Some of the agents have spent several weeks here.

"How does the ballot for women work out?"

"Works all right. We have to allow the ladies a little leeway. Occasionally one of them wants her ballot back for the purpose of adding a postscript.—Washington Herald.

Official Programme Chautauqua Week

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH.

Morning—City Opera House.

10:30—Grand Concert.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

Afternoon—Johnstone Street.

5:00—Firemen's Parade and Contest.

Evening—City Opera House.

8:30—Musical Prelude.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

8:45—Readings (Illust'd with cartoons) Miss Bargelt

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST.

Morning—City Opera House.

10:00—Musical Prelude.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

10:30—Lecture.....The Prince of Peace
Hon. William Jennings Bryan.

Afternoon—City Opera House.

5:00—"Home Coming" Reception.

Evening—City Opera House.

8:30—Musical Prelude.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

8:45—Entertainment.....Imitations
Tom Corwine.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND.

Morning—City Opera House.

10:00—Musical Concert.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

10:30—Readings.....C. A. Foote.

Afternoon.

5:00—Automobile Parade.

Evening—City Opera House.

8:30—Musical Prelude.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

8:45—Entertainment.....Impersonations
Gilbert A. Eldredge.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD.

Morning—City Opera House.

10:00—Musical Prelude.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

10:30—Lecture.....The Daughters of Eve
Joseph G. Camp.

Afternoon.

5:00—Merchants' Parade and Trades Display.

Evening—City Opera House.

8:30—Musical Prelude.....Vocal, Instrumental
DeKoven Male Quartet and Alkahest Orchestra.

Announcements.

8:45—Entertainment.....

An evening of Magic and Mystery
Lorenzo Dana Walden & Co.

TAKE UP HOSIERY MILL MATTER.

Prison Directors to Consider Further Annuling of Contract.

Columbia, June 18.—Wednesday is the day set for the special meeting of the State board of penitentiary directors, at which time the details of the annulling of the hosiery mill contract will be arranged, according to schedule.

Following a recent meeting of the board, at which the agreement was reached that the hosiery mill be abolished, it was announced that at the special session on the 21st, the method the procedure would be outlined and the matter taken up with Capt. John M. Graham, who has the contract with the penitentiary directors in the matter of the labor in the hosiery mill.

Nothing that has come up in recent months has created so much comment (save the Felder incident) as the hosiery mill abolishment. The State board of health's report, coming after Gov. Blease had asked for an investigation and the same had been directed by the legislature stirred the State as to this form of labor and at the meeting of the board of directors it was decided to adopt the State board of health's recommendations.

What to do with the convicts has been generally discussed in the press of this State. There are about 300 workers in the hosiery mill and it will be quite a task to give them outdoor work. Most papers have favored the work on the chaingangs. This will be impossible with some of the dangerous prisoners. Safe-blowers and murderers work side by side in this mill and there are here the worst element of the State's criminals. In the list of suggestions is that of farm work. For the same reason some of those in the hosiery mill will not be able to be placed on work in the farms of the penitentiary.

The State board of penitentiary directors has made no official announcement of what form of work will be given the men and the women in the hosiery mill. Chairman Sanders, being asked by the News and Courier correspondent for a suggestion along this line, replied that this would be worked out at the meeting here and in advance he did not care to make any statement for publication as to this part of the matter.

There are other suggestions of the State board of health to be taken up at this meeting of the board.

Long Drought Broken.

Atlanta, Ga., June 18.—Heavy rains which swept the South Atlantic States today and tonight, effectually ended a drought which was extended from seventeen days to more than a month in various sections. Crops generally have been benefited by the change in weather, especially cotton, which has long been in need of moisture. At Atlanta, Birmingham and Savannah, the rain was accompanied by heavy electrical display. No property damage was reported.

Storm at Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., June 18.—Starting shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon a downpour lasting almost three hours fell over the Augusta district. The weather bureau's report shows a precipitation of 2.92 inches. Terrific thunder and lightning accompanied the rain and tonight four-fifths of Augusta's telephone service is out of commission. One trolley car on the belt line was struck by lightning, but no material damage done.

FASHION AS DEADLY AS 300ZEE OP OPIUM

Troy, N. Y., June 16.—A nation wide movement against the wearing of high heeled shoes is the plan inaugurated by Justice Howard of the State supreme court.

Addressing an audience of women Mr. Howard said: "Wearing high heel shoes is as barbarous, torturing and destructive to health as the Chinese wooden shoes. It is as heathenish as the wearing of rings in the nose or tattooing of the face. It breeds an ungainly and deformed race. Have courage to speak out against today's silly fashion. Fashion is as destructive as rum, as deadly as opium."

MILLS CURTAILING.

In Pursuance of the Agreement in Spartanburg County Will Curtail.

Spartanburg, June 15.—Fulfilling the agreement reached at the meeting of the Cotton Manufacturers' association at a meeting held in Asheville, the cotton mills of Spartanburg and surrounding counties have begun to curtail their output. Whitley, one of the largest mills near this city, closed its doors and the several hundred employes are idle. Gaffney Manufacturing company has also closed.

This follows the agreement to curtail the output for two weeks during the summer months on account of the poor condition of the market for finished goods. The closing down of the cotton mills in Spartanburg county is not a new precedent for they have often done the same thing in previous years. During the time that the mills are closed the machinery is overhauled and other improvements are made in the mills.

Spartanburg county leads the South in the manufacture of cotton goods.

FELDER HEARING THURSDAY.

Interest in Outcome of Requisition Proceedings in Atlanta.

Columbia, June 18.—It is expected that during the week it will be known whether or not Thomas B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney, will be brought to South Carolina to stand trial in the courts of this State. The hearing upon the request of Governor Blease that the requisition be honored by Governor Brown, of Georgia, will take place Thursday, in Atlanta. The hearing was originally set for June 20, but was postponed on account of other business Governor Brown had in hand for that date.

Col. Felder was ordered arrested by the new dispensary commission, the warrant being sworn out at Newberry recently by Secretary Kelley, of the commission. The warrant charges conspiracy to defraud the State and offering a bribe. The formal bill of indictment against the Atlanta lawyer has not yet been handed out. This was set for the last term of court at Newberry, but it was deemed best to wait until the requisition hearing in Atlanta is held.

There is considerable interest throughout the State as to what Governor Brown's attitude in this matter will be. Among the witnesses who had been summoned to appear at the Newberry court before the grand jury is Governor Blease.

The city clock and the factory bell are pulling together beautifully these days.

Newberry, the Chautauqua city.

Mike says you mustn't forget his barbecue. Smith says Mike is increasing in every way since he went into the bottling business.

R. H. Anderson & Co. are in the midst of a disposal sale. While you are having a disposal of your money with them, the disposal of their goods to the public is a good thing for the purchasers.

When Joe Sparks was curtailed in his visits to the executive office by Governor Blease it was a case of "Sparks from the wires."

See to It.

Sumter Herald. Every man, woman and child can help improve health matters by keeping the home in a sanitary condition. Don't let vegetable matter decay; don't let old rags and old paper stay around; use the rake, and occasionally sprinkle lime. More than all, don't let water stand, see that every tin can and every old bucket and barrel is turned up side down. There is no use to have mosquitoes when it is just as easy not to have them.